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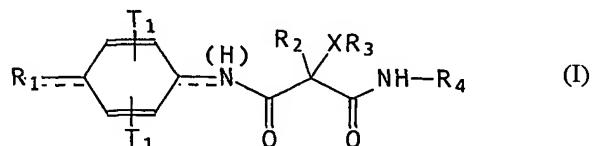
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides optionally substituted compounds of the formula (I) or salts thereof; wherein R₁ is O or S when double bonded to the ring or is OH, SH, or a protected equivalent, when single bonded to the ring, R₂ is hydrogen or more preferably an C₁-C₁₀ organic group attached by a carbon atom, X is H, O, OO, S or SS R₃ is absent where X=H, is hydrogen or is a hydroxyl or thiol protecting group, R₄ is a hetero- or preferably homo-cyclic aryl group, optionally substituted with a further group R₅ and groups T₁ are each, independently, absent, hydrogen or an S-R₆ group, where any/each R₆ is independently an organic group of molecular weight up to around 500 amu. The invention further provides a method for the synthesis of such compounds and a method of treatment comprising administering such compounds to a mammalian subject.